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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Sir:

This submission is being sent to give the Examiner authorization to amend
claim 11 so that it depends from claim 1 (rather than from "claim 11").

Per a telephone conference earlier today with Examiner Zia Hashmi, the Examiner pointed out this typographical error in claim 11. We agree that claim 11 needs correction. Claim 11 should be amended so that it depends from claim 1. Claim 11 should be amended as follows.

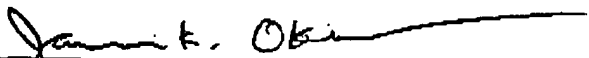
11. (currently amended) The apparatus of [[claim 11]] claim 1, further comprising:
at least one insulating element supporting the conductive ring.

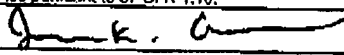
Authorization is hereby given to make such a change to claim 11 via an Examiner's Amendment.

Respectfully Submitted,

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